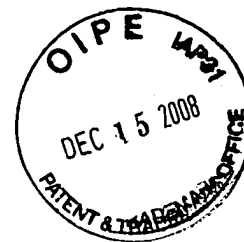


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Commissioner for Patents
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Date: December 15, 2008

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2008 for one month, from November 15, 2008, to December 15, 2008.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 01-2340 in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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